

# ***INTER-REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP***

Livermore Council Chambers  
3575 Pacific Avenue  
Livermore, CA

Wednesday, October 17, 2001  
12:30 p.m.

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS**

Co-chair, Mayor Dan Bilbrey, City of Tracy called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. Mr. Bilbrey welcomed everyone to Livermore and asked the members to introduce themselves. In attendance were:

#### **Inter-Regional Partnership Members**

Mayor Dan Bilbrey, City of Tracy  
Supervisor Nick Blom, Stanislaus County  
Vice Mayor Lorraine Dietrich, City of Livermore  
Mayor Richard Dodds, City of Patterson  
Council Member Millie Greenberg, Town of Danville  
Supervisor Scott Haggerty, Alameda County  
Council Member Linda LeZotte, City of San Jose  
Supervisor Pete McHugh, Santa Clara County  
Mayor Mike McPoland, City of Brentwood  
Supervisor Jack Sieglock, San Joaquin County  
Council Member Mike Serpa, City of Modesto  
Council Member Bob Wasserman, City of Fremont

#### **Staff to the Inter-Regional Partnership**

Andrew Chesley, Deputy Executive Director, San Joaquin Council of Governments  
Alex Amoroso, Senior Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Gene Leong, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Gerald Raycraft, Director of Planning, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Christy Riviere, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Michael Smith, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments  
Gary Dickson, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments  
Jerry Park, Regional Planner, San Joaquin Council of Governments  
Cheryl Creighton, Office Assistant, San Joaquin Council of Governments

### **II. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

It was moved/seconded (McPoland/Dodds) to approve the minutes of June 20, 2001. Motion passed by voice vote with Council Member LeZotte abstaining.

### **III. IRP STATUS REPORT**

Mr. Alex Amoroso updated members on status of the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zone RFP, which was released on September 17, 2001. Staff evaluations and rankings will be forwarded to each Evaluation Committee member prior to the first. He notified members of a Senate Subcommittee hearing in Dublin on 11/6/01 with Senator Torlakson regarding the IRP and urged everyone to attend.

Mr. Amoroso also updated members on the Bi-Annual State Report required by HCD and a letter mailed to other state IRPs in October soliciting their opinions regarding possible cooperation.

### **IV. INCENTIVES REPORT**

Mr. Amoroso discussed how incentives would be applied to the Jobs/Housing Opportunity Zones with regard to the Role of Incentives, an Action Plan Review and Incentive Related Programs and Committees. Out of this discussion came the following items:

- Does the role of incentives make sense
- How to increase the list of legislators
- Set up a discussion with legislative committees sometime in November with individual COG's meeting with their legislators and ABAG meeting with their 3 counties.

After discussion it was suggested that staff meet with Senator Machado and Senator Torlakson at the November 6, 2001 meeting in Dublin and bring them up to speed on what IRP needs from them.

A motion was made and seconded (Sieglock) to accept the report and generate a list of issues to take to legislators at the November 6, 2001 meeting. Motion passed with Supervisor Haggerty abstaining.

### **V. INTER-REGIONAL GIS**

Ms. Christy Riviere gave an overview of both "preview" and "individual" Zone evaluation GIS maps for each county in the IRP study area. Staff has continued to pursue expanding existing GIS data layers and is working with CalTrans to obtain congestion data and add journey-to-work data to the list of available GIS data. She also announced that by mid-December all the GIS maps should be on their website in an interactive environment.

### **VI. STATEWIDE IRP MEETING DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gerald Raycraft initiated discussion regarding the possibility of a statewide IRP meeting. The purpose would be to examine the degree to which the IRPs can learn from one another and work together to initiate, or sponsor, legislation to benefit all IRPs in the state.

Mayor Bilbrey suggested meeting with legislators in Sacramento like the "One Voice" trip that SJCOG organized to Washington D.C. and also explore the most effective way to share information and assist new IRPs. After further discussion it was decided that staff would check with both CALCOG and League of California Cities on the possibility of discussion

at their future meetings and also contact other IRPs to assess their interest in a statewide meeting.

## **VII. CALTRANS GRANT FUNDS**

Mr. Andrew Chesley informed the IRP that SJCOG had been awarded a grant by the California Department of Business, Housing and Transportation for IRP related activities, based on an application submitted over a year ago. This grant provides \$80,000 from Business, Housing & Transportation, matched by \$20,000 in local funds. The local match may come from SJCOG, and other COGs that partner with it in the study, and/or economic development agencies that would benefit from these activities. These funds are to be expended over a 15-month period beginning September 30, 2001 and ending December 30, 2002.

Mayor Bilbrey suggested bringing the topic back to the IRP for further discussion.

## **VIII. OTHER IRP ACTIVITIES**

Staff identified several activities that the IRP may wish to pursue in the future:

- Presentations by member jurisdictions that showcase their efforts at balancing jobs and housing in the region
- Using the integrated GIS for broader planning efforts in the IRP region
- Initiate a dialog with other IRPs throughout the State to share ideas and lessons learned. Also, work with statewide IRPs to initiate legislation and administrative changes to existing programs to all IRPs' jobs/housing balance efforts.
- Work with member jurisdictions without Zones to develop planning initiatives that complement the regional effectiveness of the Pilot Project Zones.
- Presentations by transportation planners to update the Partnership on efforts to improve travel conditions for commuters (private auto, transit, and other transportation).

There was discussion regarding different issues to pursue in the future, which included: transportation, water, storm water runoff, air quality, and wastewater. Supervisor Sieglock suggested avoid water issues at this time as the water districts controlled the water. Council Member Bob Wasserman recommended keeping any new issues close to transportation, which was why the IRP was started.

After Mr. Andy Chesley gave a brief overview of the Altamont Commuter Survey, Mr. Jerry Park, SJCOG, made a brief presentation on the findings from the survey conducted by SJCOG and the San Joaquin Partnership.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. until December 19, 2001.